

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
November 12, 1999

Service Recognition Ceremony

Join us for a celebration as we recognize our colleagues who have served the Museum for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years.

Thursday, November 18, 1999 • 3 p.m.
Rice Wildlife Research Station

The ceremony will begin promptly at 3 p.m. with a special presentation by John McCarter.
A reception will follow—beverages and hors d'oeuvre will be served.



United Way pledge forms due today

The United Way Campaign Committee asks that pledge forms be turned in today to Maria Burns in the Human Resources department or to one of the following committee members: Kara Deniston in Exhibits (4th floor), Karsten Lawson in Academic Affairs (3rd floor), John Lotenero in Public Relations (2nd floor), or Julie Baker in the President's Office (ground floor).

Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000. Won't you do your part? Thank you very much.

FIELD NOTES

Week of November 15

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo class

- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class

- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Green Sheet Meeting

- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Noon Seminar

- Thursday, Zoology Classroom

Service Recognition Ceremony

- Thursday, 3 p.m. in Rice Hall

Public Events

Lauren Hutton lecture

- Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in JST

Dino Fest

- Saturday and Sunday, 11 to 3

The **Natural News** is edited by Rodger Patience in the Development department. Call ext. 7286 or e-mail *patience* with stories, news, events, or any item of interest to the Museum community.

NEW!!

Deadline for each week's issue is now **Wednesday** at noon.

NEW!!

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Costa Rican Fungal Inventory is off to a good start

Greg Mueller and Fernando Fernández (Botany) spent last week in Costa Rica attending several meetings and teaching a short course for the fungal curators and parataxonomists at INBio. Greg is the International Coordinator of the Costa Rican National Fungal Inventory and Fernando is the coordinator for the microfungi component of the inventory.

Their week started with a session to assess the progress made during the first 9 months of the fungal inventory. Then they traveled with the rest of the taxonomic team to do further training as well as to reevaluate the protocols that we developed during the planning stage last year. On Friday, they participated in a meeting of curators and international coordinators for the various insect groups included in the National Inventory (Diptera, Coleoptera, and Hymenoptera).

The goal of the intertaxon meeting was to investigate ways to collaborate and better integrate our programs. The Inventory will continue for another 6 years and will result in the most complete survey of fungi for any area of the tropics.

Field Museum student wins "Best Bat Paper" award

Jodi Sedlock, graduate student in the Department of Zoology/Mammals and University of Illinois—Chicago was awarded the "Karl Koopman Prize" for best student paper at the 29th North American Symposium on Bat Research, held at the end of October at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Jodi's paper was entitled "Mechanisms of Coexistence and the Organization of a Philippine Microchiropteran Community." In other words, how does a diverse, tropical group of at least 15 insect-eating species of bats manage to live in a single place, while all eating the same food (bugs)? Jodi recently spent about 14 months in the rain forest on Luzon in the Philippines gathering data for her dissertation, which she hopes to complete about a year from now. Some of you may be pleased that she received this particular award; Karl Koopman was a curator in the Division of Mammals from 1959 to 1961, and is recognized as having been one of the foremost specialists on bats during this century.

Also at the meeting were Kate Walker, a recent University of Chicago undergraduate who interned several summers with me and went on to spend six months in the Philippines providing field assistance on Mindanao Island to Nina Ingle, a Filipina who is a student of mine (at Cornell University); Kate and Nina (who was back in the field at the time) presented results of their work on population fluctuation among fruit bats. I also took part in the meeting, and wish to point out that the timing of the meeting (Halloween) was purely coincidental.

Submitted by Larry Heaney

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Clang-clang-clang goes the trolley ...

Museum Campus Free Trolleys will operate during the Thanksgiving holiday. Trolley service will begin on Thursday, November 25 and continue daily until Sunday, November 28. Trolleys operate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The CTA/Campus Trolley circulates between the Adler Planetarium, the Shedd Aquarium, the Field Museum, the Roosevelt Road Green-Orange and Red CTA stations and the Metra Roosevelt Road station.

The Parking Lot/ Campus Trolley operates between the Solider Field lots, the Adler Planetarium, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Field Museum.

Submitted by Deb Garcia

Ch-ch-ch-changes

Felisia Wesson, General Counsel, will move to a new temporary office as of November 15. The office is on the ground floor (room G483), next door to the Cashier's Office. Felisia's extension remains the same: 7230.

Thanks for your support!

The month of October saw increased programming with the Education Department offering over 40 quality programs. These programs would not be possible without support and assistance from the various departments in the Museum.

A special thanks is extended for the extra effort extended during the festivals, temporary exhibit-related programming and newly created programs during the month. Attendance for the four-day Celebración '99 festival was over 16,000 and attendance for the one-day Halloween Harvest Festival boasted almost 6,000. The Cartier Activities Family Days drew over 2,000. Additionally, this year we expanded our Halloween offerings (The Field of Screams) and included school storytelling presentations, after-school programming, on-going weekend costume creation stations and our first "Brew and View" Halloween film series. During Celebración, one little visitor was heard commenting to her mother, "Mom, this is the best day of my life!" Now, we can't do much better than that!

Thanks to everyone who made this possible. Special thanks are extended to Ron Hall, Bob Cazy and Mentee Teah in the Audio Visual Department; Nancy Hensold and Laurie Torres in Botany; Jean Cattell, Rich Faron, Kristen Fergus, Tyler Keillor, Neil Keliher, Mia Schillace, Francie Muraski-Stotz, John Petreikis, Amanda Reeves and Scott Smith in Exhibits; Lou French in FP&O; Paul Baker, Anne Haskel, Madelyn Thompson, Amanda Geppert and Stephanie Powell in Institutional Advancement; Melissa Hilton and Nancy Petchenik in Marketing; Christina Breslow from the Museum Campus; Jill Mandler in the Museum Store; John Weinstein in Photography; Ed Czerwin and Andy Medina in the Print Shop; Elizabeth Lehman, Petra Sierwald and Bill Stanley in Zoology; and the entire staff in Maintenance, Engineering, Housekeeping, Public Relations, Security, Special Events and Visitor Services. We know that we could not have offered all this programming without using your diverse talents, creative ideas and generous commitment of time!

Submitted by Sue Stott

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Get your remaining purchase orders in early

In order to ensure that 1999 purchase order expenses are charged against the 1999 budget, please have all remaining purchase orders for the year to the Purchasing office no later than November 30.

Purchase orders with November dates will be charged to your 1999 budget (assuming of course, that you're not overspent). Purchase orders with December dates will be charged in the year during which we receive title to the goods.

If you have any questions please call Tom Geary at ext. 7247.

New room reservation form now available

Please use the new room reservation form included with this issue of *Natural News* for booking space in the Museum for meetings and events. This form combines the forms previously used in Education and Special Events.

Fill out the form and send it to Special Events to book Stanley Field Hall or the upper level balcony, exhibit spaces, the Siragusa Center, Rice Wildlife Research Station, and James Simpson Theatre. If the space is available, you will receive a copy of the form as your confirmation. Allow 5 business days for turnaround.

Using the same form, call Mark DeNardo in Education at ext. 7535 to verify the availability of space in Lecture Halls 1 and 2 and Classrooms A, B, and C.

Thursday noon seminar series

Our Thursday seminar for November 18 is titled "About the Origins of Western Science." The scientific revolution has helped make humans the dominant biological species on the planet. But this transformation was not the simple result of gradually progressive cultural change. Based on a variety of historical accounts, I will argue that modern science was the product of a series of very unusual circumstances that came together in Western Europe, beginning in medieval times. Please join us in the Zoology classroom at 12 noon on Thursday, November 18.

Submitted by Bill Burger

EXHIBITS

Impact Meeting for *Africa: From Eritrea With Love*

Opening on February 5 and running through July 2, 2000 in the Marae Gallery, The Field Museum will present *Africa: From Eritrea With Love*. This exhibition features large acrylic paintings by artist Betty LaDuke produced after six journeys to Eritrea from 1994 to 1998. The paintings—with rich colors, fluid shapes, and rhythmic lines and patterns—express a compassion and deep appreciation for Eritrea's culture and spirit of determination. Through her sketches she captured the daily life rhythms, dependency upon the land, animals, harvesting and marketing as well as celebrations of rite of passage. LaDuke symbolically portrays the underlying and timeless essence of these experiences.

To learn more about this exhibition come to the Impact Meeting on Thursday, November 18 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Lecture Hall 2. Contact Rene Arceo at ext. 7331 if you need further information.

KUDOS

Thanks for quick thinking and flexibility

The Public Relations Department would like to extend a sincere thank-you to the Exhibits, Audio-Visual, Housekeeping, Security Services and Visitor Services departments for their invaluable assistance in handling the large crowds on hand at the Museum last Saturday after the Walter Payton memorial service at Soldier Field. The Museum has never before opened its doors for free in light of special circumstances, so dealing with such an unprecedented event demanded plenty of quick thinking and flexibility.

The departments involved didn't miss a beat throughout the entire affair, working in a highly efficient and professional manner. Thanks for all your help in making last Saturday a great success—needless to say, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Submitted by John Lotenero

An extra special thank you

Thanks to Ariel Orlov, senior coordinator of temporary exhibitions, for her help as the initial scout and coordinator for *Eureka! The Archimedes Palimpsest*. Ariel is now engrossed in the *Dead Sea Scrolls*, but her early leg work on Archimedes got the project off to a well organized start! And thanks also to Jill Mandler in the Museum Store.

Submitted by Robin Groesbeck

The Field Museum Presents

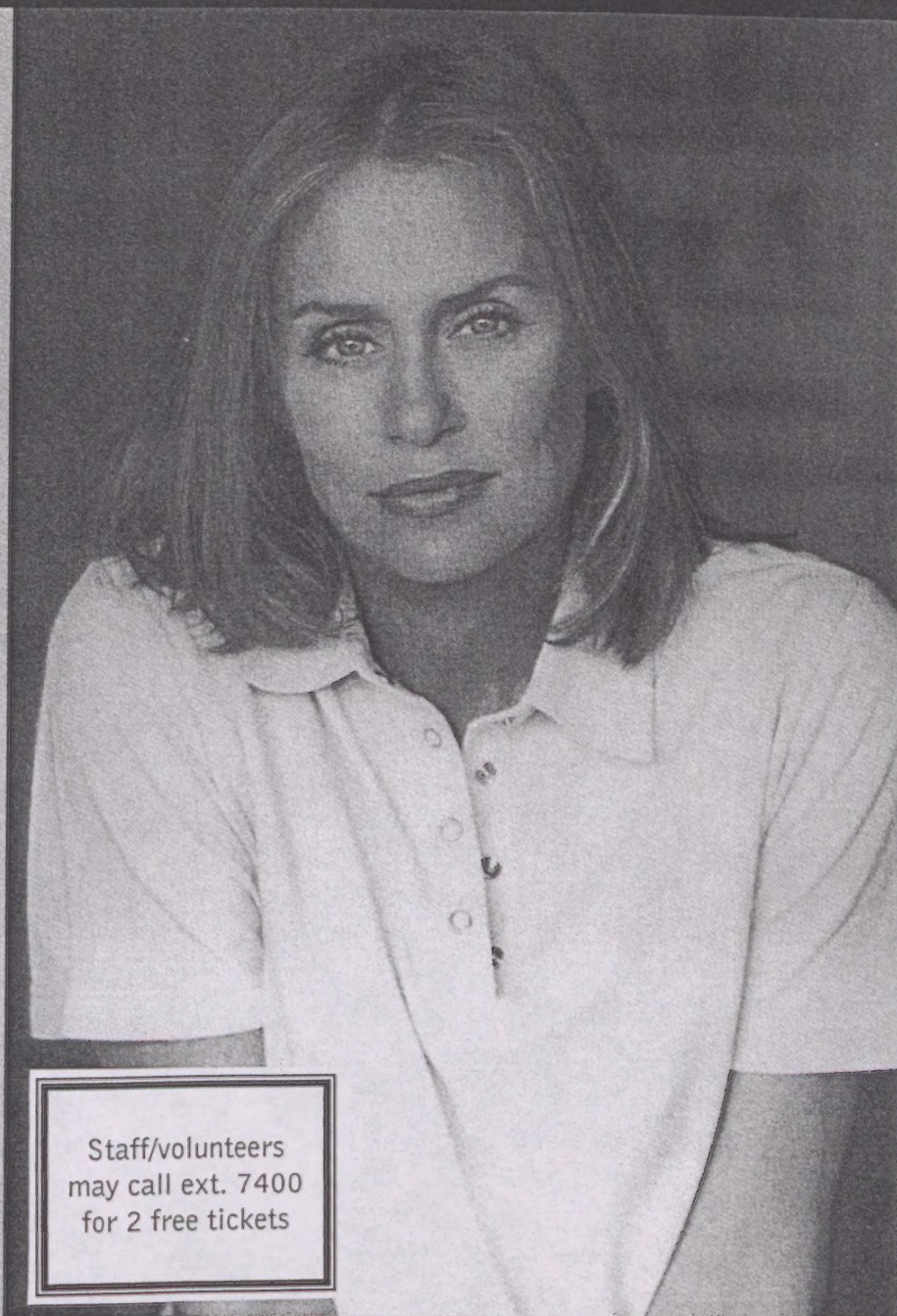
An Evening with

Lauren Hutton: The Supreme Power of Style

Spend a captivating evening with quite simply, one of the most popular and successful models of her generation. At 55, Lauren Hutton is busier than ever as she continues to challenge stereotypes regarding feminine beauty and how women over 30 are portrayed in the media. Besides working for some of the world's largest cosmetic companies, Hutton is a constant feature on television shows and magazine covers everywhere. The Field Museum's current exhibition, **Cartier 1900-1939**, explores the influence of worldwide cultures on style. Join Lauren Hutton as she comments on the wider arena of style.

The Field Museum salutes the people of Chicago for their long-standing, generous support of the Museum through the Chicago Park District.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.



Staff/volunteers
may call ext. 7400
for 2 free tickets

Tuesday

November 16, 1999

6:30 p.m.

\$15 (\$12 students/educators,
\$10 Field Museum members)

Please call (312)665-7400 for
more information or to register.

The **Field**
Museum CHICAGO

THE FIELD MUSEUM ROOM or EXHIBIT RESERVATION FORM
(Turnaround Time for this form is 5 business days)

ROOM(S) REQUESTED (Mark with an X)

Stanley Field Hall		Balcony	
Rice Resource Center		Siragusa Center	
James Simpson Theater		Lecture Halls:	
Exhibits:		Classrooms/Other:	

<i>EVENT</i>		
<i>COORDINATOR</i>		<i>EXTENSION</i>
<i>DAY OF THE WEEK AND DATE</i>		<i>YEAR</i>
<i>TIME OF EVENT (not inc. Set-up)</i>	<i>AM OR PM</i>	<i># OF GUESTS</i>
<i>SET-UP TIME NEEDED</i>		<i>TAKE DOWN TIME</i>
<i>SIGNATURE OF PERSON SUBMITTING REQUEST</i>		<i>DATE OF REQUEST</i>
<i>CONFIRMED BY SPECIAL EVENTS YES NO</i>		<i>DATE OF CONFIRMATION</i>
<i>DESCRIPTION OF CONFLICT:</i>		

<i>CANCEL RESERVATION/SIGNATURE</i>	<i>DATE OF CANCELLATION</i>
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Please place an X in the box of what is needed. A detailed written order stating your request should be submitted to the Special Events office ASAP. This should include information such as quantities, delivery and pick-up dates, etc. Questions can be answered at x7603.

Catering Area		Stage	
Catering Information		Linens	
Liquor		Coat Racks	
Tables		Screens	
Chairs		Refrigerator	

This request does NOT replace the GREEN SHEET or WORK ORDER needed for the specified event.

The Hall Four Project

In anticipation of construction in the NE lightwell beginning summer 2000, the Museum has recently begun a series of construction projects and artifact moves in the East Wing. This work is proceeding under the banner of *The Hall Four Project*.

Webber Gallery, Webber Resource Center, and Place for Wonder in Hall 3 (M-8E on the map) have already closed. Hall 4 (M-7E) will close December 15 and remain closed until further notice. Also, portions of Hall 8 (M-3E) will be occasionally and temporarily closed for the next several months, in order to facilitate the deinstallation of artifacts and movement of cases in this hall. At a minimum, one hall will remain open at all times for visitor access.

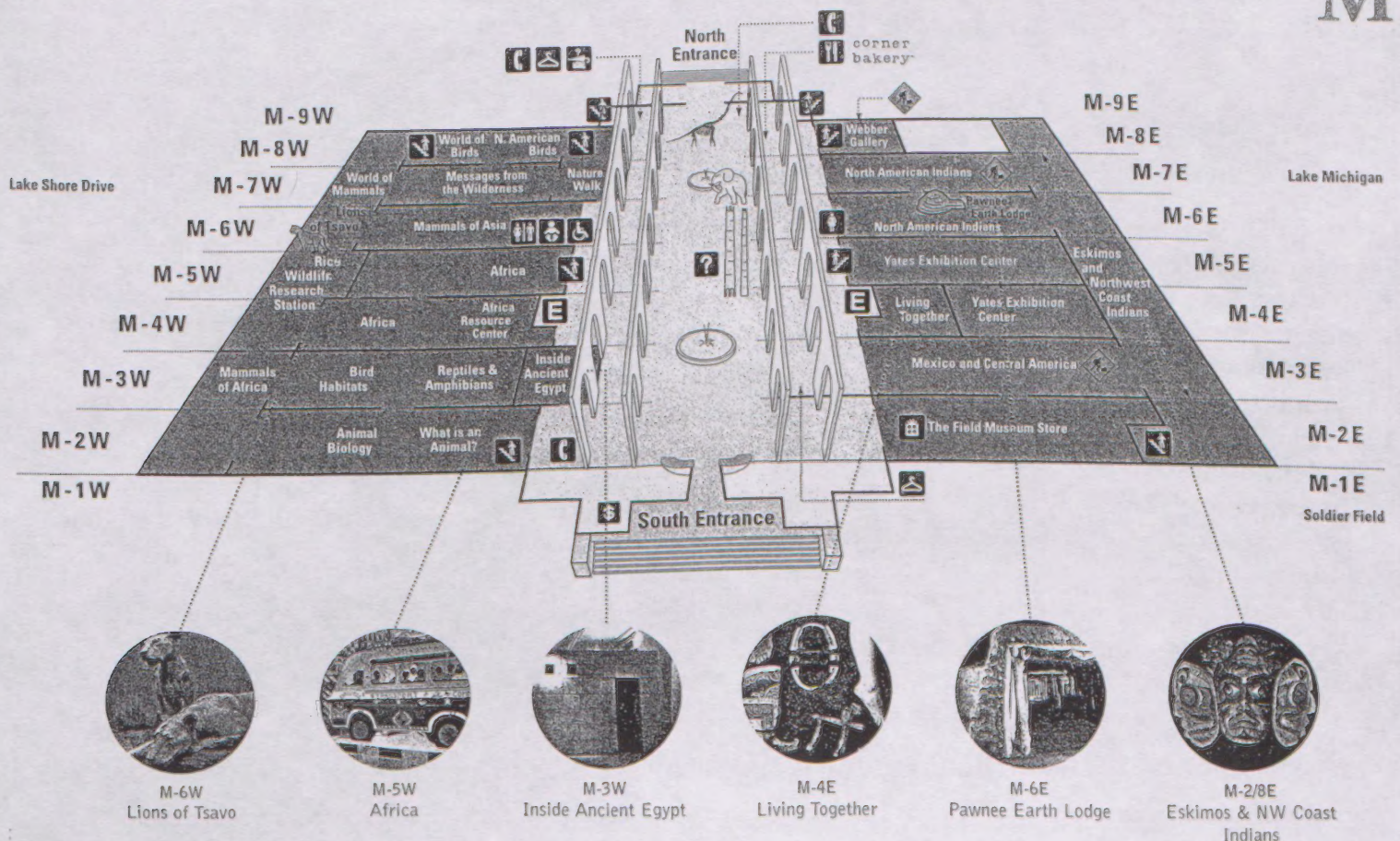
Although every effort has been made to keep as many East Wing halls open as possible during periods of construction and artifact removal, there will be times when visitor access to the Pawnee Earth Lodge and the Eskimos and NW Coast Indians gallery will be limited. We know for certain that access will be limited between December 1 and 15 for the construction of a corridor around the Lodge to be used for visitor access throughout the Hall Four Project.

The current goal for completion of all work in the East Wing is Memorial Day 2000. At that time, a new Webber Gallery and a new Webber Resource Center will open in the front of Hall 3, with a new gallery called *Indians of the Plains and SW* occupying the back half. Hall 8 will reopen as *Ancient Cultures of North America and Mesoamerica*, concentrating on the Hopewell, Anasazi, Hohokam peoples and the cultures of pre-contact Mexico. The new arrangement of cases will allow for improved access to Hall 7, the current home of Sounds from the Vaults.

If you have any questions about schedules or visitor access to the East Wing, please call me at ext. 7357 or Susan Phillips at ext. 7349.

Submitted by Peter Stevenson

Main Level



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Retirees That Will Be Honored

Beverly Ann Gilliam
Gerard Kernizan
Irma Sanchez

Staff That Will Be Honored

Robert Cantu
Steven Grissom
Howard Langford
Christine Niezgoda
Michael Shouba
Daniel Summers
Harold Voris
Arnold Barnes
Marlene Donnelly
Thomas Geary
Jessica Newman
William Simpson
Elise Willoughby Williams

Jim Croft
Josie Compton
Cynthia Gulley
Scott Lidgard
Mary Anne Rodgers
Kevin Swagel
Paul Baker
Darlene Dowdy
Rayfield Drake
Judyth Espinal
Thomas Gnoske
Steven Goodman

Jonathan Haas
Nancy Hensold

Ventura Hinojosa
Byron Jackson
Carol Konieczny
Robert Masek
Edward Mikan
Imelda Saucedo
William Stanley
Betty Strack
Madelyn Thompson
Gwendolyn Washington
John Weinstein

A reception will follow the ceremony. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served.